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MeF 1120/1120S/1120-F and 7004 Stakeholders:

We have posted Tax Year (TY) 2007 Production versions of the eXtensible Mark-up Language (XML) Schemas and Business Rules.

**TY 2007**

The new schema versions include corrections to Forms 4562 and 4562-FY.

The maximum dollar limitations on lines 1 and 3 were removed.

1120 Family XML Schemas and Business Rules: 2007v2.5 1120/1120S

Subset of Business Rules for Amended Returns: 2007v2.5

This subset of business rules was incremented to remain in sync with the schema version.

7004 Business Rules Update (Change Page): 2007v2.1

These updates are posted in the Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) tables

(<http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=128360,00.html>). **The files posted on this date can be used for Assurance Test System (ATS) beginning August 11, 2008 and for Production beginning August 25, 2008.**

**Note: we will no longer post prior year schema updates unless there are significant changes or corrections that would affect filers.**

For **XML Schemas**, the Instance Document contained in the schema files is viewable with any generic Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) reader. See the 1120 "Instance Document" for a sample 1120 transmission.

**Business Rules** are posted in two different formats which contain identical information – Adobe (.pdf) and a comma-separated file (.csv). A column within the file identifies changes made from the previous version to help clarify what changes were made.

**Effective January 7, 2008**

- XML transmissions to the Modernized e-File (MeF) platform can be received only via the Internet Filing Application (IFA) or the Application-to-Application (A2A) channels. The Electronic Management System [EMS] will no longer be a valid transmission channel for MeF submissions. ***Note: you will continue to see "EMS XML" as a transmission option on your e-file Applications. IRS will keep this channel active in case of an extreme emergency (as defined by the IRS).***

And

- MeF will only accept tax returns for **Tax Years 2005, 2006 and 2007**. Special instructions and procedures for taxpayers who are **required to e-file** are listed on the Large and Mid-Size Corporation (LMSB) website (<http://www.irs.gov/businesses/corporations/article/0,,id=146959,00.html>).

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